

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CARLTON

**Minutes of a meeting held in St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1930 hrs
on Wednesday 8th May 2013**

Present: J H Boston (Vice Chairman), J D Finch, I Sarson, W R Sharp (Councillors),
4 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).
Apologies: S G Tupling, I D Ould, T Chastney, R Yule.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2012

The Clerk noted that the figure of £35,000 under item 6 was incorrect and should read £19,020. The correct figure is calculated on NHB funding of £3,170 for 11 dwellings over 6 years. (The incorrect figure had arisen from multiplying £3,170 by 11 dwellings, making £34,870).

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed with the correction noted above, and they were signed by the Chairman.

2. Report from the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group: Ms R Yule

NHW activity has changed over the past 12 months with the demise of the funded part time NHW coordinator post for the area and the local "Hear Hear" circulations that went with it. Unfortunately this has meant a fall off in the more detailed monthly updates of local criminal and policing activity to Carlton residents which was previously circulated and the personalised updates from the local beat officer.

This reduction in communication in a low crime area is, perhaps, an inevitable consequence of prioritisation of resources and the 20% fall in police funding over a 4 year period.

However I shall continue to circulate any crime updates received from the local beat team plus any other relevant NHW info to the Carlton e-mail circulation list which currently has around 70 e-mail addresses.

If you are not currently receiving Police Crime Updates please give me your e-mail address and I shall add you to the circulation. Likewise, if you wish to be removed from the list please let me know.

Crime figures continue to fall nationally year on year and Carlton remains a very low crime area. The crime map statistics on **www.police.uk** for the 12 months to March 2013 show 7 incidents for the year - 3 burglary, 3 vehicle and 1 violence with July and August 2012 being the peak of activity. Low figures, but no consolation to those who have been a victim and they have our sympathy.

The main purpose of NHW in Carlton remains:

- to reduce crime by spreading knowledge of activity and prevention tactics
- to encourage neighbourliness and a sense of community in looking after one another and especially the more vulnerable
- to share knowledge of local police issues and encourage strong links with our local beat team

National updates over the past 12 months include the demise of the 17 Members of the Leicestershire Police Authority in November 2012 and the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner, Sir Clive Loader, to represent Leicestershire residents in policing matters.

The non-emergency 101 number has also been fully operational since 2012 and can be used in place of 999 for theft, damage, traffic accidents and any general enquiries where life is not in danger or a crime is actually taking place.

3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council: Cllr S G Tupling

Council

In reviewing the work of Carlton Parish Council over the past twelve months, I was saddened to remember Bob Edmunds, who died suddenly on 18th July 2012. Bob had served as a Parish Councillor for over twenty one years, and his quiet presence, constructive comments, broad grin, and readiness to provide practical help have been greatly missed. I welcome Ian Sarson, who was co-opted to the Council in September 2012.

Carlton Parish Council held 9 meetings last year. Attendance was: Tupling 9; Boston 6; Edmunds 2; Finch 7; Sarson 5; Sharp 8; Clerk 9. 15 representatives of other organisations attended meetings, as did 70 parishioners. The PC considered 18 planning applications, and was represented at 8 meetings of other bodies.

RCC Village Achievement Award

The PC was awarded first prize in the Community Category of the Rural Community Council Village Achievement Awards 2012, comprising a framed certificate with a cheque for £250. This award belongs to the community, and reflects the efforts of the many volunteers and groups who work for the benefit of Carlton in so many different ways.

Diamond Jubilee Tree

I enjoyed helping Mia Cooper and her Mum plant an oak tree in the highway verge near the junction of Main Street and Barton Road in June 2012. The tree is a sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) and we hope that it will grow to become a feature of this part of the village. The tree seems to have got off to a good start, and certainly did not need much watering last year.

Carlton Affordable Housing Project

Since May 2012 the PC has played an important role in helping to secure funding of £1.4 million for the Carlton Affordable Housing Project. This Project was incepted by Nottingham Community Housing Association in December 2007, and after suffering many setbacks over the years we had all begun to wonder whether it would ever become reality. It falls to me to announce that construction work on site is now scheduled to begin in June, and that building work should be complete by summer of next year.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors past and present along with the many others for their work in developing this Project, and the community for their support.

Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The Carlton Gardening Group has now been set up, funded, and tasked with creating this new area of public open space at the north-eastern end of the village.

Website

The new website, created for the PC by Les Johns, is attracting increased traffic. Visit us on www.carltonpc.co.uk

Public footpaths

Work on footpath S51 had been delayed by flooding, but was completed last summer, thanks to a grant of £1,000 from the Leicestershire & Rutland Foundation, matching funding from the County Council, and a donation of £250 from the PC. Outside the Parish, the diversion order and associated works on footpath S69 near Harcourt Mill have also been fully implemented, replacing three stiles with a single kissing gate and a wider path.

Members of the Carlton Footpath Group led eight guided walks during the year, but these were attended by parishioners who would have gone out walking together anyway. The walks will continue, but will be arranged informally on an *ad hoc* basis.

Coffee mornings

Following feedback from the Parish Plan Survey coffee mornings are being held at The Gate on Fridays at 11 am, and provide a useful forum and meeting place for parishioners old and new.

Carlton Parish Plan Group

The Carlton Parish Plan Group has now been dissolved after completing the Parish Plan on time and under budget. I thank all the members of this Group for their hard work over a long period, and for a job well done.

Marina

There has been no construction work on the site for the Market Bosworth Marina, but the project is believed to be going ahead, and will deliver a bus turning and waiting bay on Carlton Road and an improved junction between Carlton Road and Wellesborough Rd.

Thanks to

Internal auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Ashby Canal Project. Borough and County Councillors – Tina Chastney & Ivan Ould; Local Police – Dave Riley, Mike Chapman and Phil Hale.

Finally my thanks go to the army of volunteers who have given their time, expertise and equipment to make many of these projects and the smooth running of the Parish possible.

The meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____